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- (2) BOEM receives your request for reimbursement and the Regional Director determines that the requested reimbursement is proper; and
- (3) The cost is at your lowest rate or at the lowest commercial rate established in the area, whichever is less.
- (b) BOEM will reimburse you for the costs of processing geophysical information (that does not include cost of data acquisition):
- (1) If, at the request of the Regional Director, you processed the geophysical data or information in a form or manner other than that used in the normal conduct of business; or
- (2) If you collected the information under a permit that BOEM issued to you before October 1, 1985, and the Regional Director requests and retains the information.
- (c) When you request reimbursement, you must identify reproduction and processing costs separately from acquisition costs.
- (d) BOEM will not reimburse you for data acquisition costs or for the costs

of analyzing or processing geological information or interpreting geological or geophysical information.

§ 550.197 Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection.

BOEM will protect data and information that you submit under this part, and 30 CFR part 203, as described in this section. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section describe what data and information will be made available to the public without the consent of the lessee, under what circumstances, and in what time period. Paragraph (c) of this section describes what data and information will be made available for limited inspection without the consent of the lessee, and under what circumstances.

(a) All data and information you submit on BOEM forms will be made available to the public upon submission, except as specified in the following table:

| On form | Data and information not immediately available are | Excepted data will be made available |
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| (1) [Reserved] (2) [Reserved] (3) [Reserved] (4) [Reserved] (5) [Reserved] | | |
| (6) BOEM–0127, Sensitive Reservoir Information Report, | Items 124 through 168, | 2 years after the effective date of the Sensitive Reservoir Information Report. |
| (7) [Reserved] (8) [Reserved] | | |
| (9) BOEM–0137 OCS Plan Information, | Items providing the bottomhole location, true vertical depth, and measured depth of wells, | When the well goes on production or according to the table in paragraph (b) of this section, whichever is earlier. |
| (10) BOEM-0140, Bottomhole Pressure Survey Report, | All items, | 2 years after the date of the survey. |

(b) BOEM will release lease and permit data and information that you submit and BOEM retains, but that are

not normally submitted on BOEM forms, according to the following table:

| If | BOEM will release | At this time | Special provisions |
|---|--|--------------|--|
| (1) The Director determines that data and information are needed for specific scientific or research purposes for the Government, | Geophysical data, Geological data Interpreted G&G infor- mation, Processed G&G in- formation, Analyzed geo- logical information, | At any time, | BOEM will release data and information only if release would further the National interest without unduly damaging the competitive position of the lessee. |

| If | BOEM will release | At this time | Special provisions |
|--|--|---|--|
| (2) Data or information is collected with high-resolution systems (e.g., bathymetry, side-scan sonar, subbottom profiler, and magnetometer) to comply with safety or environmental protection requirements, | Geophysical data, Geological data, Interpreted G&G information, Processed geological information, Analyzed geological information, | 60 days after BOEM receives the data or information, if the Regional Supervisor deems it necessary, | BOEM will release the data and information earlier than 60 days if the Regional Supervisor determines it is needed by affected States to make decisions under subpart B. The Regional Supervisor will reconsider earlier release if you satisfy him/her that it would unduly damage your competitive position. |
| (3) Your lease is no longer in effect, | Geophysical data, Geological data, Processed G&G information Interpreted G&G information, Analyzed geological information, | When your lease terminates, | This release time applies only if the provisions in this table governing high-resolution systems and the provisions in § 552.7 do not apply. The release time applies to the geophysical data and information only if acquired postlease for a lessee's exclusive use. |
| (4) Your lease is still in effect, | Geophysical data, Processed geophysical information, Interpreted G&G information, | 10 years after you submit the data and information, | This release time applies only if the provisions in this table governing high-resolution systems and the provisions in § 552.7 do not apply. This release time applies to the geophysical data and information only if acquired postlease for a lessee's exclusive use. |
| (5) Your lease is still in effect and within the primary term specified in the lease, | Geological data, Analyzed geological information, | 2 years after the required submittal date or 60 days after a lease sale if any portion of an offered lease is within 50 miles of a well, whichever is later, | These release times apply only if the provisions in this table governing high-resolution systems and the provisions in § 552.7 do not apply. If the primary term specified in the lease is extended under the heading of "Suspensions" in this subpart, the extension applies to this provision. |
| (6) Your lease is in effect and beyond the primary term specified in the lease, | Geological data, Analyzed geological information, | 2 years after the required submittal date, | None. |
| (7) Data or information is sub- mitted on well operations, | Descriptions of downhole lo- cations, operations, and equipment, | When the well goes on production or when geological data is released according to §§ 550.197(b)(5) and (b)(6), whichever occurs earlier, | Directional survey data may be released earlier to the owner of an adjacent lease according to 30 CFR 250 subpart D. |
| (8) Data and information are obtained from beneath un- leased land as a result of a well deviation that has not been approved by the Re- gional Supervisor, | Any data or information obtained, | At any time, | None. |
| (g) Except for high-resolution data and information released under paragraph (b)(2) of this section data and information acquired by a permit under 30 CFR part 551 are submitted by a lessee under part 550, 30 CFR part 203, or 30 CFR part 250, | G&G data, analyzed geologi- cal information, processed and interpreted G&G infor- mation, | Geological data and informa- tion: 10 years after BOEM issues the permit; Geo- physical data: 50 years after BOEM issues the per- mit; Geophysical informa- tion: 25 years after BOEM issues the permit, | None. |

 $\begin{array}{ll} \hbox{(c) BOEM may allow limited inspection, but only by persons with a direct} & \hbox{interest in related BOEM decisions and} \\ \hbox{issues in specific geographic areas, and} \end{array}$

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who agree in writing to its confidentiality, of G&G data and information submitted under this part or 30 CFR part 203 that BOEM uses to:

- (1)-(3) [Reserved]
- (4) Promote operational safety;
- (5) Protect the environment; or
- (6) Make field determinations.
- (7) [Reserved]

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§ 550.199 Paperwork Reduction Act statements—information collection.

- (a) OMB has approved the information collection requirements in part 550 under 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. The table in paragraph (e) of this section lists the subpart in the rule requiring the information and its title, provides the OMB control number, and summarizes the reasons for collecting the information and how BOEM uses the information. The associated BOEM forms required by this part are listed at the end of this table with the relevant information.
- (b) Respondents are OCS oil, gas, and sulphur lessees and operators. The requirement to respond to the informa-

tion collections in this part is mandated under the Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.) and the Act's Amendments of 1978 (43 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.). Some responses are also required to obtain or retain a benefit or may be voluntary. Proprietary information will be protected under §550.197, Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection; parts 551, 552; and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations at 43 CFR part 2.

- (c) The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to inform the public that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.
- (d) Send comments regarding any aspect of the collections of information under this part, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170.
- (e) BOEM is collecting this information for the reasons given in the following table:

30 CFR subpart, title and/or BOEM Form (OMB Control No.)

Reasons for collecting information and how used

- Subpart A, General (1010–0114), including Forms BOEM– 1123, Designation of Operator and BOEM–1832, Notification of Incidents of Noncompliance.
- (2) Subpart B, Exploration and Development and Production Plans (1010–0151), including Forms BOEM–0137, OCS Plan Information Form; BOEM–0138, EP Air Quality Screening Checklist; BOEM–0139, DOCD Air Quality Screening Checklist; BOEM–0141, ROV Survey Report Form; and BOEM– 0142, Environmental Impact Analysis Worksheet.
- (3) Subpart C, Pollution Prevention and Control (1010-0057) ...
- (4) Subpart J, Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way (1010–0050), including Form BOEM-2030, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Pipeline Right-of-Way Grant Bond.
- (5) Subpart K, Oil and Gas Production Rates (1010–0041), including Forms BOEM-0127, Sensitive Reservoir Information Report and BOEM-0140, Bottomhole Pressure Survey Report.
- (6) Subpart N, Remedies and Penalties

- To inform BOEM of actions taken to comply with general requirements on the OCS. To ensure that operations on the OCS meet statutory and regulatory requirements, are safe and protect the environment, and result in diligent exploration, development, and production on OCS leases. To support the unproved and proved reserve estimation, resource assessment, and fair market value determinations.
- To inform BOEM, States, and the public of planned exploration, development, and production operations on the OCS. To ensure that operations on the OCS are planned to comply with statutory and regulatory requirements, will be safe and protect the human, marine, and coastal environment, and will result in diligent exploration, development, and production of leases.
- To inform BOEM of measures to be taken to prevent air pollution. To ensure that appropriate measures are taken to prevent air pollution.
- To provide BOEM with information regarding the design, installation, and operation of pipelines on the OCS. To ensure that pipeline operations are safe and protect the human, marine, and coastal environment.
- To inform BOEM of production rates for hydrocarbons produced on the OCS. To ensure economic maximization of ultimate hydrocarbon recovery.
- The requirements in subpart N are exempt from the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 according to 5 CFR 1320.4.